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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to hike the Central Issue Price of Foodgrains under Targeted Public Distribution System;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;

(c) whether the food subsidy bill during the year 2007-08 is likely to exceed the Budget Estimates; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c)&(d): The Food Corporation of India (FCI) has informed that the requirement of funds under the food subsidy is likely to increase by Rs. 15563.11 crores over the Budget Estimate of Rs. 25424.89 crores under the food subsidy.